

CLAIM SET AS AMENDED

1. (Original) A manual cutting tool for cutting cables, steel cord, rods and the like to size, comprising a pair of movable cutting means one of which is connected to a stationary handle and the other one of which is adapted to be moved against the stationary cutting means by a movable handle and transmission means, said cutting means having associated therewith known-per-se replaceable, concavely shaped cutting elements adapted to be connected in a frictional and shape lock, characterized by cutting means (11, 12) having mutually facing guide shoulders (35) thereon, with cutting elements (30, 31) having shoulders (35a) thereon by means of which they are inserted flush in guide shoulders (35) of cutting means (11, 12).

2. (Original) A manual cutting tool for cutting cables, steel cord, rods and the like to size, comprising a pair of movable cutting means one of which is connected to a stationary handle and the other one of which is adapted to be moved against the stationary cutting means by a movable handle and transmission means, said cutting means having associated therewith known-per-se replaceable, concavely shaped cutting elements adapted to be connected in a frictional and shape lock, characterized by said replaceable cutting elements (30a, 31a) having in their rear surfaces (51) holding grooves (46) by means of which they are floatingly mounted in a frictional and shaped-locked manner in cutting

means (11, 12) on matingly shaped holding tabs (47) located in the region of guide shoulders (35).

3. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting tool as in claim 2, characterized by said replaceable cutting elements (30a, 31a) being flat shoulder-less mirror-image plate elements cut from solid full-hardened rod material.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting tool as in ~~claims 2 and 3~~ claim 2, characterized by cutting elements (30a, 31a) having chamfers (45) at their front free ends (48) and by cutting elements (30a, 31a) each being adapted to be placed by said chamfers (45) under internally located reduced-thickness portions (43) of the respective opposite cutting means (11a, 12a).

5. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting means as in ~~claims 2 to 4~~ claim 2, characterized by cutting elements (30a, 31a) having mutually facing relief angles (38, 38a) merging with corresponding chamfered cutting angles (42) of cutting means (11a, 12a).

6. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting tool as in ~~claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized by cutting means (11, 11a, 12, 12a) having in the region of their shoulders (35, 35a) radially inwardly extending chamfered cutting angles (39, 42) merging with corresponding relief angles (38, 38a) of cutting elements (30, 30a, 31, 31a).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting tool as in ~~claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterized by cutting elements (30, 30a, 31, 31a) having different relief angles (38, 38a) and cutting angles (39, 42) in dependence on the material to be severed.

8. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting tool as in ~~claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, characterized by cutting elements (30, 30a, 31, 31a) being concavely shaped and being adapted to be connected with cutting means (11, 11a, 12, 12a) in a precise fit by centering means (32, 32a, 33, 34, 34a).

9. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting tool as in ~~claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized by replaceable cutting elements (30, 30a, 31, 31a) having different hardness levels in dependence on the material to be severed.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~Manual~~ The manual cutting tool as in ~~claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, characterized by cutting means (11, 11a, 12, 12a) having pivot bores (28, 29) through their front free ends (50, 50a) opposite handles (13, 25), said pivot bores (28, 29) having passed therethrough a shank screw (16) about which said movable cutting means (12, 12a) can be pivoted relatively to the stationary cutting means (11, 11a), said pivot bores (28, 29) extending asymmetrically through outer free ends (50, 50a) of cutting means (11, 11a, 12, 12a), and said outer free ends having formed thereon a radially outer portion (44) of increased material thickness and a radially inner portion (43) of reduced material thickness.